CLAIMS

1.   A pneumatic tire comprising:
       a plurality of grooves formed on a tread portion; and
       a plurality of blocks divided by the grooves, wherein
5   a ratio of a block facing length c to a width b of the
groove c/b is in a range of $0.50 \leq c/b \leq 1.30$, where the block
facing length c is a length of a shorter line segment
obtained by selecting a pair of blocks adjacent to each
other across a groove from a plan view of the tread portion,
10   drawing perpendicular lines from two vertices of one block
on a side of a sandwiched groove to other block across the
sandwiched groove, respectively, connecting ends of the
perpendicular lines by a line segment along an outer
circumference of the block, and comparing a length of the
15   line segment between the blocks.

2.   The pneumatic tire according to claim 1, wherein
       the ratio of the block facing length c to the width b
of the groove c/b is in a range of $1.00 \leq c/b$.
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3.   The pneumatic tire according to claim 1 or 2, wherein
       a ratio of the block facing length c to a depth a of
the groove c/a is in a range of $0.40 \leq c/a \leq 0.85$.

25   4.   A pneumatic tire comprising:
       a plurality of grooves formed on a tread portion; and
       a plurality of blocks divided by the grooves, wherein
       a ratio of a block facing length c to a depth a of the
groove c/a is in a range of $0.40 \leq c/a \leq 0.85$, where the block
30   facing length c is a length of a shorter line segment
obtained by selecting a pair of blocks adjacent to each
other across a groove from a plan view of the tread portion,

drawing perpendicular lines from two vertices of one block on a side of a sandwiched groove to other block across the sandwiched groove, respectively, connecting ends of the perpendicular lines by a line segment along an outer

5   circumference of the block, and comparing a length of the line segment between the blocks.

5.   The pneumatic tire according to claim 3 or 4, wherein the ratio of the block facing length c to the depth a

10   of the groove c/a is in a range of $0.60 \leq c/a \leq 0.80$.

6.   The pneumatic tire according to any one of claims 1 to 5, further comprising:
at least three lines of a block array formed with a

15   plurality of the blocks arranged in a tire circumferential direction.

7.   The pneumatic tire according to any one of claims 1 to 6, wherein

20   the groove includes an inclined groove that is inclined with respect to a tire circumferential direction, and
a substantially net-shaped tread pattern is formed on the tread portion.

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8.   The pneumatic tire according to claim 7, wherein an angle of inclination of the inclined groove is in a range between 30 degrees and 60 degrees.

30 9.   The pneumatic tire according to any one of claims 1 to 8, wherein
a ratio of the depth a and the width b of the groove b/a is in a range of $0.6 \leq b/a \leq 0.8$.

10. The pneumatic tire according to any one of claims 1 to 9, wherein

a protrusion for suppressing a foreign-object drilling is formed in a bottom of the groove.